



Attorney Docket No.: 45039.0028
Customer No.: 57362

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that

Our residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

STAMPED AIRBAG RETENTION MEMBERS AND METHOD OF AIRBAG ASSEMBLY

the specification of which is filed concurrently herewith;

OR

for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on March 16, 2004, and identified by United States Serial No. 10/801,977;

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information which is known to us to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.¹

We do not know and do not believe this invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and we believe that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representatives or assigns, except as identified below:

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any U.S. provisional application(s) listed below:

Prior Provisional Application(s):

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date</u>
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¹ (b) Under this section, information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and

(1) It establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a *prima facie* case of unpatentability of a claim; or

(2) It refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the application takes in:

(i) opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or

(ii) asserting an argument of patentability.

A *prima facie* case of unpatentability is established when the information compels a conclusion that a claim is unpatentable under the preponderance of evidence, burden of proof standard, giving each term in the claim its broadest reasonable construction consistent with the specification, and before any consideration is given to evidence which may be submitted in an attempt to establish a contrary conclusion of patentability.

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

**Prior U.S. Applications Or Pct International Applications
Designating The U.S. For Benefit Under 35 USC 120**

<u>U.S. Applications</u>		<u>Status (Check One)</u>		
<u>U.S. Applications</u>	<u>U.S. Filing Date</u>	<u>Patented</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Abandoned</u>

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 or §365 of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's certificate(s), or of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

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and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's certificate(s) or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the above listed application on which priority is claimed:

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If no priority is claimed, we have identified all foreign patent applications filed prior to this application:

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We hereby appoint the following attorneys, power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith; and request that all correspondence and telephone calls in respect to this application be directed to:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

**IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP
UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(c)(5)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Toyoda Gosei Co., Ltd., the Assignee of the entire right and interest, from the original inventors, Michael Olesko, Joseph Mannino and Peter Vigeant, of the above-identified application, and which Assignment was recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 5, 2004, at Reel 015660, Frame 0468, hereby consents to the correction of inventorship in the above-identified application, to add Mr. William Henry Travis, of 3016 West Lobo Ridge, New Albany, Indiana, 47150, as an inventor to the application.



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I hereby attest that I have the authority to act on behalf of the Assignee, Toyoda Gosei Co.,

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